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SUBJ: VENEZUELAN MILITARY VIEWS TOWARDS FMS CREDIT ISSUE
REF: CARACAS 3627

M COL EDUARDO PENANGO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF LOGISTICS IN
THE VENEZUELAN DEFENSE MINISTRY, TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER ON
APR 27 THAT THE MINISTRY IS STILL HOPING THAT THE USG
WILL FIND SOME WAY OUT OF THE FMS CREDIT IMPASSE.
HE SAID THAT MOD OFFICIALS REMAIN CONVINCED THAT THE USG
COULD READILY FIND A SOLUTION, WHILE THE GOV WAS COMPLETELY
BLOCKED BY A CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE.

2. PENANGO REPORTED THAT HIS OFFICE, DESPITE PRESSURE FROM
THIRD COUNTRIES, IS HOLDING UP ON SEVERAL DEFENSE PURCHASES
FROM NON-US SUPPLIERS, UNTIL THE US MAKES A "FINAL DECISION."
HE SAID THAT MOD CANNOT OBTAIN FMS CREDITS FROM
THE US THE GOV WILL MAKE A "COMPLETE SHIFT? TOWARDS BUYING
FROM THIRD COUNTRIES.

3. PENANGO MENTIONED THAT DURING HIS EARLY APRIL VISIT TO
WASHINGTON (REFTEL) HE HAD ATTEMPTED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO
SEE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LUERS TO EXPLAIN THE GOV
POSITION AND TO FIND OUT WHAT FURTHER ACTION THE DEPT
WAS TAKING ON THE CREDIT ISSUE IN THE WAKE OF THE SECRETARY'S
DISCUSSION WITH ANYONE ELSE IN THE DEPT, SINCE HE HAD
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